

# The Fort Des Moines Museum

Presentation to Transportation , Infrastructure,  
Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee

**H**onoring Our Past

**P**reserving for the Future



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# Mission Statement Museum Vision

## Mission

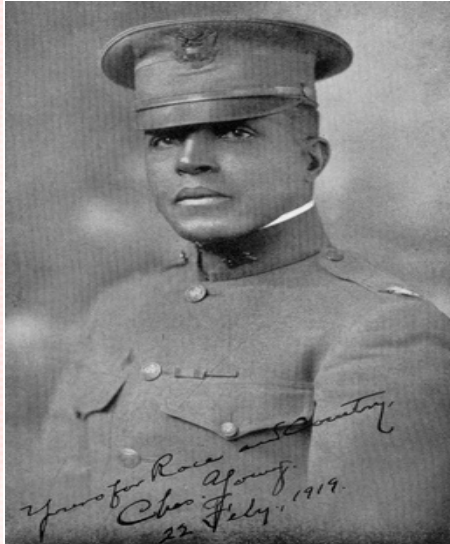
The mission of the Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center is to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the heritage of service, sacrifice, and risk taken by the Black officers of World War I and the women of World War II through exhibits, educational programming, and public use of the facility.

## Vision

Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center honors the heroes who brought gender and racial equality to the United States Army during World War I and World War II.

This landmark is a:

- National attraction with artifacts, exhibits, archival photographs and period art.
- Resource center for students and educators.
- Historical site for conferences, meetings and celebrations.



US Army 92nd  
Division 17th  
Provisional Training  
Regiment 1917-1918



Women's Army  
Auxiliary Corps  
Women's Army Corps  
1942-1945



# History of Fort Des Moines



**Charles Hamilton  
Houston**



**WAC First Class**



**Lt. Ronald  
Reagan**

# History of the Fort Des Moines Museum



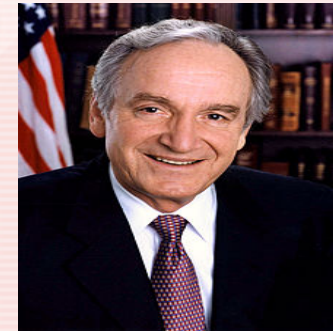
**Founder  
Robert Morris**



**General  
Colin Powell**



**Founder  
Lou Erbshtein**



**Senator Tom Harkin**



**Congressman  
Leonard Boswell**



**Senator Charles  
Grassley**



# Making a Difference





# Fort Des Moines

## Preservation Project

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## Goals

Renovation of Historic Chapel

Development of Collection Room to properly preserve growing collection

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# Fort Des Moines Chapel



# Current Chapel Conditions

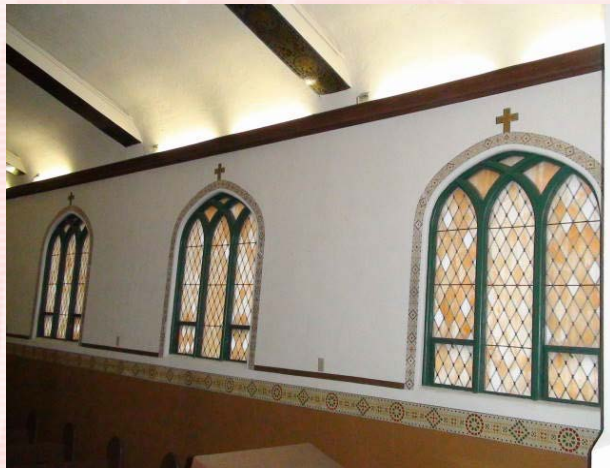
## Exterior Painting Masonry Restoration





# Current Chapel Infrastructure Conditions

## Restoration of Stained Glass Window



# Current Chapel Infrastructure Conditions

## Repair of Gutter and Roof





# Development of Collection Room

## Collection Rooms 2006 -2012





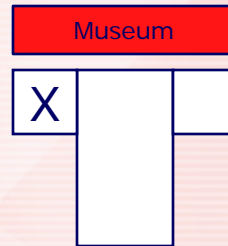
# Development of Collection Room

## The Collection-What it will preserve





# Development of Collection Room Interior



# Development of Collection Room

## Exterior Grounds around proposed Collection Room





# Development of Collection Room

## Budget and Timeline

\$200,000	Cost for full restoration of chapel
\$70,000	Cost of collection room
<b>\$270,000</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$30,000	Funds received for Chapel
\$10,000	Funds received for Collection Room
<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>Needed Total</b>

<b>\$83,900.00</b> <b>\$30,000</b>	<b>Chapel Collection Room</b>
<b>\$113,900</b>	<b>Request to the Iowa Legislature Total</b>

Appropriation of Funds	Museum	<b>Ongoing</b>
Purchasing of collection materials	Museum	<b>May- August 2012</b>
Work on collection room	Contractors	<b>June- November, 12</b>
Work on chapel (Exterior)	Contractors	<b>May – October, 12</b>
Work on chapel (Interior)* June – August weddings	Contractors	<b>May, 12 September- October , 12</b>

Thank you!  
Questions?

